Landing System (ILS) Cat-III(A) is not capable of permitting blind landings at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. However, the System permits authorized aircraft to land in poor visibility conditions in Runway Visual Range of not less than 200 metres.

(b) The facility of ILS Cat-III(A) at IGI Airport has not been utilized fully due to inadequate training of the pilots of airlines.

(c) There is no proposal to further upgrade this ILS at the IGI Airport since even the present facility has not been fully utilized by the airlines.

Closure of overseas Indian Airlines Offices

16. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of offices of Indian Airlines in different parts of the world, country-wise and city-wise:

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is seriously thinking of closing down its offices in Europe:

(c) if so, the details of the offices proposed to be closed down; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Indian Airlines has its offices in 18 cities in 14 countries outside India.

(b) Indian Airlines is not having any office in Europe.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Upgradation of Nagpur Airport

17. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to the Central Government for upgradation of Nagpur Airport; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and by when the proposal would be cleared especially when there is no financial liability of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to develop Nagpur Airport as Multi-modal International Passenger and Cargo Hub. The State Government has carried out preliminary study through Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC). There are proposals to take up non-metro airports to upgrade their facilities to international standards. The proposal envisages commercial development of city side facilities at airports. All air side areas and activities will continue to be retained by Airports Authority of India. Security and safety will be as per the Government's regulations. AAI propose to participate in joint ventures with private investors for development of passenger terminals and other city side facilities at these airports. AAI is willing to consider development of Nagpur airport on these lines. The proposals are at preliminary stage. No concrete decision has yet been taken on this concept. Besides, the amendment to Airports Authority of India Act to enable construction/development of airports with private sector participation is also under process.

Norms for Central assistance to State Governments

18. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken by the Central Government to review the norms regarding Central assistance to State Governments;

(b) if so, whether any concrete policy in relation to loan and grant components, interest rates and the pattern of assistance under externally-aided schemes has been prepared;

(c) to what extent these morms have been reviewed;

(d) to what extent it will be helpful to the States; and

(e) whether some of the Chief Ministers have asked the Central Government not to reward non-performing States with higher financial assistance and to limit incentives and reward to the performing ones?